

Nothing Decided Yet

Preliminary Thoroughfare Hearing Monday

Around Town

BY SAM C. MORRIS

The rains came and the rains have gone. How much it did rain I can not tell you. We will have to get a rain gauge if we want to report the rainfall to our readers.

It seems that a certain gentleman who was nice enough to come by the office every once in awhile and give us the weather data, has become awfully busy in the past few weeks doing what? I will not use his name, because it might embarrass him.

Anyway we did have rain and it seems to be enough for the present.

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A letter was received last week and arrived to late for this column. We print it this week and hope that everyone will cooperate with the Raeford Woman's Club.

The letter follows:

Dear Sam,
The Raeford Woman's Club project - CAMPERSHIPS - has made an adventurous dream a reality for many of our Hoke County youngsters. A donation of \$60.00 will assist us in providing clothes, physical examinations, a Bible and transportation for a Hoke County disadvantaged child to spend a fun-filled week at Camp Monroe in Scotland County. The campers are selected by their teachers in grades four through six.

Through individual, civic, industrial and business donations, we sponsored 24 campers last year. One cannot realize the excitement and delight of these youngsters until the "gee whizzes" and "oh-gollies" are heard upon their return.

With your support this has been one of our most successful and rewarding projects. We hope, once again, your readers will contact us with a contribution to sponsor a camper this year.

Thank you, Sam, for helping us help others.

Sincerely,
Betsy C. Knox
President

Raeford Woman's Club

Now if you feel inclined to help in the worthy cause you can mail a check to:

Mrs. Howard Hust
P.O. Box 298
Raeford, N.C. 28376

Mrs. Hust is the treasurer for the Raeford Woman's Club and she will be sure that it is placed in the right place.

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Several years ago a family moved from Raeford to Clarksville, Va. The family was Bill and Anne Smith and Bill was transferred by Burlington to the Virginia plant. Both were very civic minded and were good church members.

In the Burlington Industries newspaper, "Burlington Look" a picture of Anne Smith appeared in the May issue.

The caption for the picture is as follows:

"Anne Smith, nurse at the Menswear Combing plant in Clarksville, Va., has been named 'Occupational Nurse of the Year' by the Virginia State Association of Occupational Health Nurses (OHN). Anne is currently president of the Piedmont OHN association. She joined Burlington in 1975 and her husband, William Smith, is a systems analyst for the menswear division in Clarksville."

Congratulations to Anne Smith.

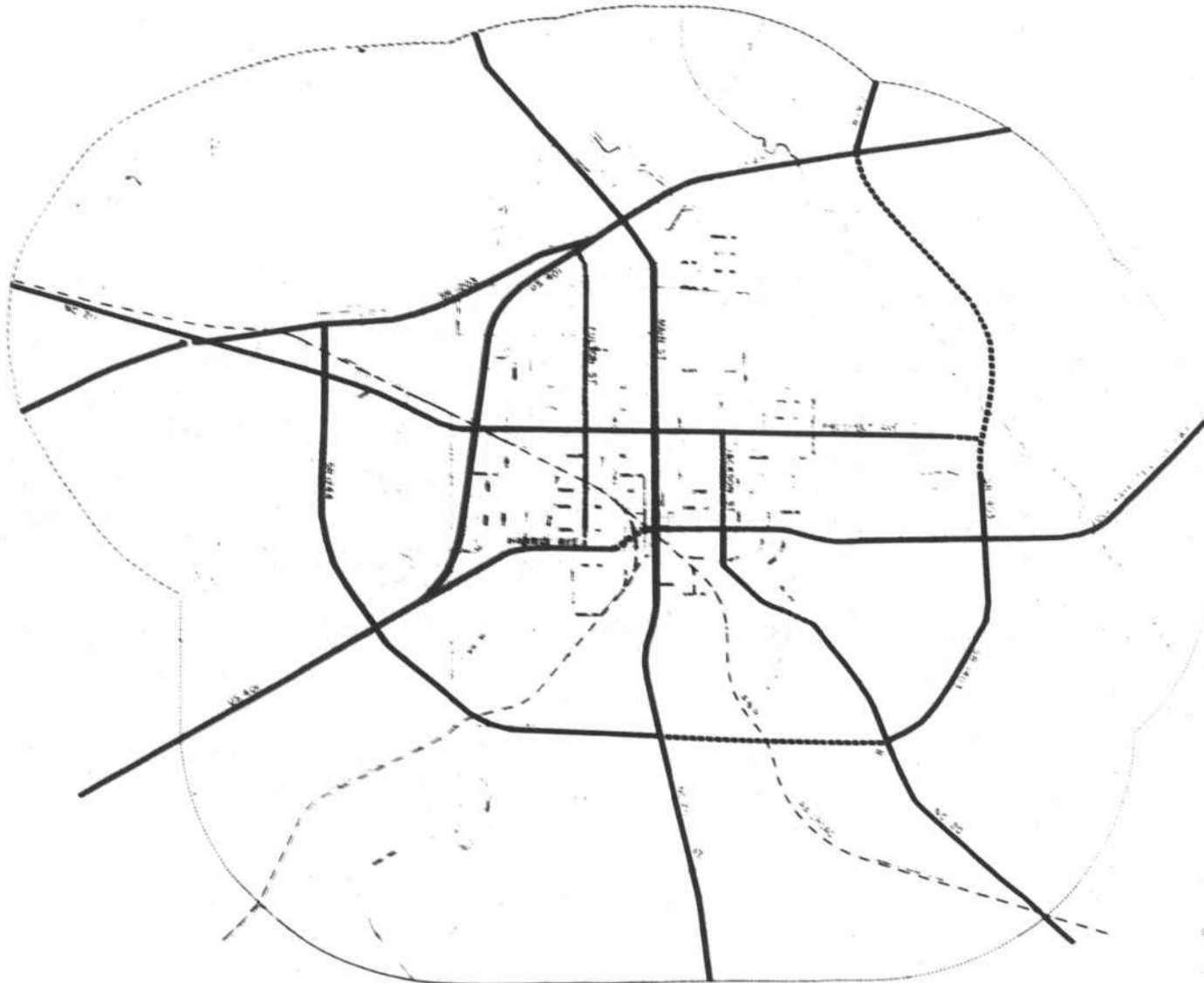
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The baseball players strike was averted so maybe we can see a baseball game or two and not have to look at old movies or reruns. Of course some folks wish the players had walked out because they say the tube is taken up with sports programs now.

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School is about over for this school year and besides the graduation exercises along comes the numerous concerts at the

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PRELIMINARY PLAN -- This map of the preliminary Thoroughfare Plan for the Raeford area shows the heavier black lines for the major traffic thoroughfares and the thin lines for the minor routes. The dashed lines are proposed roads which would link major thoroughfares in the plan. The

Plan is the subject of a public hearing scheduled for Monday night in the Raeford City Council chambers. Nothing about the preliminary plan has been decided yet. [Map by Planning and Research Branch, State Department of Transportation].

Ex-Airport Operator's Claim Dismissed

Court Rules For City

Hoke County Superior Court Judge Arthur Lee Lane Thursday dismissed former Raeford Airport operator Paul Rose's claim that a hangar he built on the airport property, which is owned by the city, is his and the City of Raeford should pay him \$15,000 which he termed the hangar's fair market value.

The judge in a separate, though related action ordered Thursday the city "have and recover" from Rose \$300 plus interest from Thursday. The City in a counter-

claim to Rose's complaint said Rose owed the city the amount in unpaid monthly rent of \$60 for January through May 1977, under the terms of the airport lease agreement.

In reference to the hangar, the judge's order declares Rose's "claim dismissed with prejudice upon plaintiff Rose's failure to prosecute the case."

The order noted that neither Rose nor his attorney appeared in court for the hearing of the litigation.

Rose's complaint, filed June 15, 1977, says Rose built the hangar on airport property with the city's approval and that it was not permanently attached to the city-owned land.

The complaint says the city terminated the lease June 2, 1977, after Rose came in default under provisions of the lease agreement.

Rose, the complaint adds, notified the city of intent to remove the hangar, in that the hangar was a "trade fixture and not part of realty."

The city, the complaint says, informed Rose he was not to remove the hangar.

The city's answer, filed Aug. 11, 1977, denies that the hangar is not permanently attached to the city-owned property.

The city counterclaim says the lease contract between the city and Rose was entered Nov. 4, 1974.

Robert G. Drumright, who was Raeford's city manager at the time Rose operated the airport, testified for the city of last week's hearing.

In Superior Court

Fines Imposed In Traffic, 'Pot' Cases

Judge Arthur Lee Lane heard the following cases and issued the indicated judgments last week in the one-week civil and criminal term of Hoke County Superior Court.

Robert Patrick Baker, 22, of Raeford, was given a suspended sentence of 2-4 years provided he pay a fine of \$400 and court costs, for possession of marijuana.

The judge ordered that Baker first serve 90 days, but be eligible immediately for work-release, before starting 5 years probation. The 2-4 year term was suspended for 5 years. Baker had pleaded guilty to the charge.

Kathleen Talbot, 50, Rt. 3, Box 279-D, Raeford, pleaded guilty to three counts of worthless checks. She received 30 days suspended for 2 years on conditions she pay restitution for checks of \$17.70, \$20, and \$20.50 to the office of clerk of Superior Court for Tuttle's Exxon of Raeford.

Joe Louis Moore, 44, Rt. 1, Box 118, Raeford, charged with two counts of driving under the influence, third offense, and speed-

ing 72 in a 55 zone; pleaded guilty to the two counts of third-offense DUI. He was sentenced to 2 years on each count, to run consecutively, but the sentence was suspended for 5 years and the defendant placed on probation for 5 years on conditions; he not drive till properly licensed; subject himself to enrollment in an alcohol rehabilitation program maintained through the Hoke County Mental Health Center, the course to be completed within 75 days; and pay court costs and a \$500 fine.

Jimmy Lee Young, 20, Sandhills Youth Center, McCain, pleaded guilty to felonious escape and was sentenced to 6 months, to begin at the expiration of the sentence he is now serving. He also pleaded guilty to two counts of breaking or entering, and two counts of larceny, and was sentenced to 5-7 years on each count as a committed youthful offender.

Johnny Groves Woods, 31, Rt. 2, Red Springs, pleaded no contest to two counts of misdemeanor possession of stolen property, was found guilty, and given 18 months

to 2 years suspended for 5 years and probation for 5 years, on conditions he not possess burglary tools or dangerous weapons, be gainfully employed, and not go on the premises of Carolina Turf Co. of Raeford without written consent of the owner, and pay costs and a \$200 fine.

Ernest White, 35, of Rt. 2, Box 496, Raeford, was given prison terms for driving while his license was revoked permanently and for his fourth offense of driving under the influence, but the terms were suspended on conditions he pay a \$500 fine on each charge and court costs and serve 5 consecutive weekends in jail. Another condition was he not drive till he is properly licensed.

The suspended sentences are 2 years for the fourth-offense DUI and 12 months for the license violation, to run consecutively if a condition of suspension is violated. The judge ordered the terms suspended for 5 years and White be placed on probation for 5 years. He also ordered continued the probation for a 1978 DUI conviction.

White had pleaded guilty to the two charges in last week's cases.

William Thomas Jones, 48, of Rt. 1, Godwin, after pleading guilty, was sentenced to 6 months for driving under the influence and 2 years for driving while his license was revoked, both sentences suspended for 5 years and Jones placed on probation for 5 years provided he serve 3 consecutive weekends in jail, pay fines of \$200 on the DUI charge and \$500 on the license charge, and court costs, and not drive till he is properly licensed.

Robert Gary Fortner, 29, of Fayetteville, was ordered to pay a fine of \$650 and court costs as some of the conditions of the judge suspending sentences for assaulting an officer, speeding over 55 while fleeing, speeding 90 in a 55 zone, and failing to stop for a blue light and siren, and careless and reckless driving. Another condition was Fortner not drive within 60 days from the date the judgment was issued, which was May 20.

The suspended sentences are

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A public hearing on a preliminary Thoroughfare Plan for the Raeford area will be held Monday at 7:30 p.m. in the Raeford City Council chambers, but City Manager Ron Matthews emphasized Tuesday morning that the preliminary plan is just that -- nothing has been decided yet.

He said some people living on Jackson Street called him Monday and asked when "they" were going to start tearing up the street. He said that, besides the fact that nothing has been decided, the Plan calls for Jackson Street to remain as it is -- a minor thoroughfare for use principally by auto traffic, and local traffic at that. In fact, he added, widening Jackson Street hasn't even been discussed.

Matthews said that even if the City Council and State Department of Transportation approve the Plan, it still would be open to changes. He said the work the ultimately approved Plan would call for would be done in stages, and that the work recommended in the preliminary Plan drawn up this year wouldn't be done if subsequent developments eliminated the need. No area would be done unless the City Council requested the work, Matthews explained.

City and State representatives worked together to draw up the preliminary Plan, which will be shown to the public Monday night, and the City Planning Board recommended the public hearing be held. Matthews said most of the recommendations contained in the plan were made by the state highway people. Participating in the hearing Monday night will be members of the staff of the Planning and Research Branch of the State Department of Transportation. They will include Bob Booker, the head of the staff.

Matthews said a Plan was worked out with an eye to meet the needs expected for the Raeford area in the next 10 to 20 years. He said, however, that, contrary to general public opinion, the planning was done primarily with local traffic in mind. He pointed out that 80 per cent of the traffic that uses Raeford streets is local. Matthews added that the planning also had automobile traffic primarily in mind.

Essentially, the plan aims to improve the flow of traffic through the area.

The map shows four connectors linking major thoroughfares are proposed. The heavy broken lines represent the proposed connections. The longest would link SR 1403 with U.S. 401 north of Raeford at SR 1302, the Airport Road. This would make a through street of SR 1403 connecting N.C. 20 just beyond the southeastern city limits and U.S. 401.

Another major addition would link N.C. 211 and N.C. 20 just beyond the southern city limits. In the city, a short new road would connect the end of East Prospect Avenue with SR 1403.

The other connector would be east end of Harris Avenue with South Main Street at Central Avenue.

Part of the preliminary plan, as the map shows, would establish a general primary route circling the city most of the way beyond the city limits. The proposed plan covers the area within a mile of the city limits, the area governed by the city's zoning ordinances.

One major value of a Thoroughfare Plan, Matthews said, would be rights of way could be maintained as the city grows, with subdivisions developing. For example, the city could pull out the Plan and tell a developer he can't build a house at this particular place because that is on the right of way for a street intersection, Matthews said.

"Nobody is going to start changing anything," Matthews said, indicating the immediate future. As for truck traffic, he said the city can designate streets to prevent their use by through truck traffic. He said truck routes already have been designated.

In reference to truck traffic, a report made by the Downtown Revitalization Study committee of the Raeford - Hoke Chamber of Commerce recommended to the City Council last year that through truck traffic now running through the central business district be

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